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# uPenn talks sex

**The talk.** Students hold the first-ever Sex Week, complete with writing workshops, love lectures and sexuality classes. The organizer says she wants to 'change the discourse' about sex on campus. Just because students are Ivy League, doesn't mean they are talking about important issues. PAGE 02

## In full bloom

PAGE 02

Take a mini trip to Japan at this year's Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival, which runs all week at Liberty Place. / RIKARD LARMA

## How to escape from North Korea

A journalist recounts one man's bold move. PAGE 14

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# Penn students have sex on their brains

**Sex.** UPenn is holding its first-ever sex week. Events include lectures on topics like masturbation and the female orgasm.

The University of Pennsylvania today kicks off its inaugural Penn Sex Week, a series of discussions and lectures about America's most time-honored pastime.

"As undergrads, we talk about sex a lot but not necessarily in productive ways," said event co-chair Arielle Pardes.

"We want to change the discourse from people hooking up at frat parties on the weekends to people talking about different types of desire, being critical of certain images in the porn industry, discussing how sex fits into life in terms of race, religion and sexual preference — all the things that are glossed over in normal college conversations."

Events include an erotic-writing workshop, an Asexuality 101 class and lectures like "Make Love Not Porn."

"People are having a lot of sex, but they're not talking about it," sophomore Kay Lu said. "It's important to learn to have an open conversation."

"Penn is a pretty sexually active campus despite the fact it's an Ivy League school," junior Daniel Brooks agreed. But he was concerned the event may be too cerebral to catch the attention of many carnally minded coeds.

"I'd like a more interactive seminar, not just someone standing in front of a class and lecturing," he said.

"Obviously students find that boring in the classroom, so why would they want that in sex education?"

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**Slow down! Speed up! You're walking at a nice, normal pace!**

The Philadelphia Mayor's Office of Transportation and Utilities partnered with clowns from the Pig Iron School of Advanced Performance Training to remind drivers and pedestrians to respect the rules of the road at the intersection of 15th Street and JFK Boulevard. The traffic controllers were part of this year's April Fools' Day joke to the commuters of Philadelphia. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

**Quoted**

"At a time when many Americans lament a lack of commitment in our society between married men and women, why would we want less commitment and fewer strong marriages?"

Sen. Bob Casey yesterday, on his switch to supporting same-sex marriages

**Burning rubber**

Police are looking for a man who was caught on camera Friday night stealing $1,600 worth of used tires and hydraulic jacks from a North Philadelphia auto yard. He allegedly threw the equipment over the fence of the Hunting Park Tire Shop before fleeing.

## Full bloom. Cherry Blossom Fest unfurls at Liberty Place

The 16th annual Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival of Philadelphia burst into bloom yesterday at the Shops at Liberty Place.

The festival, which aspires to celebrate the cultural connections between Japan and Philadelphia, is stretched over four days.

While yesterday was all about the blossoms, today visitors can make origami paper ornaments. Tomorrow, select audience members can model Kimono dresses, and on Thursday, onlookers can learn calligraphy handwriting. METRO

The Cherry Blossom Fest starts.
RIKARD LARMA

## Assault. Man charged with dragging officer down three blocks

The district attorney's office has formally charged 20-year-old Naim Woodley for allegedly striking a Philadelphia police officer with his car Sunday night, dragging the officer for three blocks. Woodley was arraigned, and bail was set at $250,000. He is charged with aggravated assault, possession of an instrument of crime, reckless endangerment and resisting arrest. Woodley is next due in court for a status hearing April 17. He was supposed to be in court two weeks ago for an unrelated incident. METRO

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# Women. Facebook official 'leans in' on leadership Thursday

Sheryl Sandberg, Facebook COO, who recently wrote a controversial new book about women and leadership titled "Lean In," will speak Thursday in Philadelphia.

Sandberg advocates for women to push for a seat at the management table and not opt for an easier path.

Critics have assailed Sandberg for writing a book whose message is too elitist for most working women.

"Sheryl chose Philadelphia as one of the stops on her book tour because there are so many women leading nonprofits in Philadelphia," said Erinn Hartman, associate director of publicity for Knopf publishers. Ann Ewers, Kimmel Center president and CEO, said she attributes her own success to the arts.

"Women are making their mark with leadership positions in arts and cultural organizations and nonprofits throughout Philadelphia," Ewers said.

Sandberg will speak at the Hyatt at the Bellevue 8 a.m. Thursday. The event is jointly sponsored by the Arts & Business Council, Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and Free Library.

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**Top of their games**

**Other notable Philadelphia women:**

- Philadelphia Orchestra President and CEO Allison Vulgamore; UPENN President Amy Gutmann; Pew Foundation President and CEO Rebecca Rimel; Free Library President and Director Siobhan Reardon

## Dance fever epidemic rages in Philly

University of Pennsylvania students Kelly Ann Lyons, a graduate student in material science and engineering from Earl, Pa., and Edem Attikese, a biological basis of behavior major from Freeport, N.Y., took to entertaining the crowds on the college campus with some dance moves Monday afternoon. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

**Murder/Suicide**

## Victim, shooter ID'd

Police have ruled the deaths of two people found in a high-rise apartment in Spring Garden on Sunday night a murder-suicide. Police identified the victim as Rio Acosta Magden, 29, and the shooter as Carlos Eugene Acosta, 30. METRO

**DUI**

## Man charged after hitting cruiser

Police have identified a man charged with DUI after he allegedly struck a police cruiser, injuring an officer, on Roosevelt Boulevard on Sunday.

Rafael Cortes, 38, was arrested at Oxford Circle about 1:30 a.m. following the accident. METRO

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# Fire. Seventh at Temple University's $200M Morgan Hall

A seventh fire was reported at Temple University's new residence hall, a spokeswoman for the college said.

The seventh fire in less than two months sparked Thursday at the $216 million, 27-floor Morgan Hall rising on North Broad Street.

The fire started in the east-side garage level, Temple officials said. The first five fires, which occurred on the 11th, 12th and 16th floors, have been determined to be arson.

The last six fires caused upward of $100,000 in property damages in early February. This latest fire has not yet been confirmed as arson.

No suspects are in custody at this time.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has received responses for its offer of a $15,000 reward for information that will lead to the capture of those responsible for the original five fires.

The ATF has learned information pertaining to the five arsons, and investigators are following up on those leads.

In the meantime, the reward is still available.

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**The last 7 fires**

- **Feb. 11 & 12:** Five fires were set on the 11th, 12th and 16th floors in the span of two days.
- **March 5:** A fire started inside a trash container on the 14th floor.
- **March 28:** Another fire broke out in the east-side garage level.

## The cycle of seasons: It's a beautiful day for a ride

On the first (actually warm) afternoon of the year, a man bikes along the Schuylkill River Trail in Philadelphia yesterday. Cyclists, joggers and rowers were out and about as temperatures reached the low 60s. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER

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### Virtual library will open

SEPTA, Free Library and Dunkin' Donuts will open a virtual library at Suburban Station today at 11 a.m. METRO

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The Barnes Foundation is offering free admission between 1 and 6 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. METRO

**Fast track**

### Drexel announces new program

Drexel said it will launch a two-year law school program in 2014. METRO

**Stats**

### Teen driver deaths down

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## Shooting. Prosecutors seek death penalty for James Holmes

Prosecutors in Colorado will seek the death penalty for accused movie theater gunman James Holmes in the 2012 slaying of 12 people during a showing of the Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises," the lead prosecutor said in court yesterday

Holmes, a 25-year-old former graduate student of neuroscience, is accused of opening fire inside a suburban Denver multiplex during a midnight screening of the movie last July in a rampage that ranked as one of the deadliest mass shootings in the United States.

Holmes is charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder in the shooting spree. REUTERS

9/11 statements

### Supreme Court declines to hear professor's appeal

The Supreme Court yesterday declined to hear an appeal by a former university professor who was fired in the aftermath of controversial statements he made about the attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001.

The University of Colorado at Boulder fired Ward Churchill in 2007 following an investigation that found deficiencies and flaws in his academic work. REUTERS

# White supremacist suspected in killings

The Texas arm of the Aryan Brotherhood is described as a gang responsible for murders, arson, assault and other crimes. / YOUTUBE

Quoted

**"It seems to me that a scenario may be developing that the district attorney's office was investigating this gang, or another gang, and they wanted to prevent that investigation."** U.S. Representative Ted Poe

The Republican and veteran former judge and prosecutor in Texas told CNN his own suspicions centered on the Aryan Brotherhood.

**Shootings.** Texas governor warns officials to be safe after two killings.

Governor Rick Perry yesterday raised concern about the safety of Texas law enforcement officials as investigators searched for possible links between the killings of two Kaufman County prosecutors just two months apart.

Kaufman County District Attorney Mike McLelland and his wife, Cynthia, were discovered with fatal gunshot wounds at their home near Forney, Texas, on Saturday. McLelland had vowed to capture those who killed one of his assistants, Mark Hasse, on Jan. 31.

"I suggest everyone should be careful about what goes on, whether they're public officials or otherwise," Perry told reporters in the state capital, Austin. "This I think is a clear concern to individuals who are in public life, particularly those who deal with some very mean and vicious individuals, whether they're white supremacy groups or whether they're the drug cartels that we have."

The FBI, the Texas Rangers and other law enforcement groups were investigating the two homicides, Kaufman County Sheriff David Byrnes said.

When Hasse was killed, speculation immediately centered on the prison-based Aryan Brotherhood of Texas because that same day the U.S. Justice Department released a statement saying the Kaufman County District Attorney's Office was involved in a racketeering case against the white supremacist group. REUTERS

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# Opening the envelope: the big college decision

**College.** So much hinges on one trip to the mailbox. How to cope with college decisions.

One envelope can be a big deal for students hearing from colleges.
GETTY IMAGES

High schools are buzzing this week with the possibilities and disappointments that come in that one envelope (or, increasingly, electronically). This is the week when aspiring collegiates will hear where they will be spending their next four years.

Jayne Gandy has been advising students on the college application process for 14 years, so she's seen just about every imaginable outcome. She shares some sage advice for those who have a lot riding on one piece of mail:

**What do you do if the college you've been dreaming about rejects you?**
I would say, first, give yourself a little bit of time to be upset. I think that's OK to feel bad and be bummed about it. Then, you have to quickly remember that it's not the end of the world and move on. I think one way to do that is to understand the process. I try and help families do that throughout, so that it's not such a blow when they receive that news.

**How do you recommend students keep a level head?**
Before they receive the letters, I try to help them understand the statistics. There are a lot of qualified applicants and there's a chance that you're not going to get in, and you need to know that. Before they put the application in I try to prepare families for the answer to be 'no.'

**What are the biggest struggles for students?**
For a lot of them, it's a big decision, and finances play a big role at this point. So much depends on what kind of merit scholarships they got and what is the bottom line at this point. Kids need to think about what the education is going to cost them over the next four years and what that value is. Is it worth it? Right now, many people aren't finding jobs out of school, and that's becoming a conversation that families are having — I think it's a good one.

**How should students who get bad news this week deal with it?**
One of the biggest things is to move on. Don't get stuck in that rut of gloom and disappointment, but focus on the positive. Focus on your future and all the nice things about the schools you were admitted to.

**What is your advice for families dealing with the decision letters?**

**If it's bad news**

**"I tell my students to move on. Don't get stuck in that rut of gloom and disappointment, but focus on the positive."**
Gandy

Communicate together as a family — if they don't get a positive decision, try and give a day or two to be bummed about it. It's OK to rationalize why you didn't get in, and I find it helps to understand you're not alone in the process. Find out the statistics to make you feel a little better. If 70 percent of the kids [who applied] also didn't get in, it makes you feel less alone.

**Once the decision is in, what comes next?**
Go to the accepted student days at the schools you got into. Jot down your initial impressions of the school and think about how you'd fit in. Decide what is important to you and how the school lines up with your values — whether they are finances, which school is the best fit or what percentage of students have a job after graduating. It's very important to focus on what's important to you and not what's important to everyone else.

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## Education. At public universities, funding troubles loom large.

PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES HAVE SUFFERED IN THE RECESSION. / COMSTOCK

Public universities face a funding crunch, state budget officers from across the country said last week as fiscal watchdogs called for reforms. The National Association of State Budget Officers joined a chorus of voices calling to make college affordable and also suggested increased state spending to keep tuition in check. State budget officers rarely advocate for policy.

"Resources for the states are getting tighter. We have rising costs, the high tuition and the debt load that a lot of students have," says NASBO Executive Director Scott Pattison. "Whether or not one could argue about the system working in the past, the bottom line is: We don't think it's sustainable going forward."

In a special report, the officers found enrollment at public schools will likely keep growing, while state funds for higher education have steadily declined. They concluded that universities cannot make ends meet solely through tuition increases.

"There needs to be a greater emphasis on state funding in higher education ... or commensurate investigations in terms of trying to streamline processes and looking into cost-saving measures," says NASBO President Jason Dilges, who is also the chief financial officer for South Dakota. REUTERS

**Prize money**

Along with suggesting states use general funds to prevent tuition hikes, they say states could use a "pot of money" to reward schools that contain increases. They also proposed guaranteeing the same tuition rate for four years of school and setting tuition through a central board.

The confluence of state budget cuts, federal spending fights and the 2007-09 recession have created unprecedented pressure on public universities. States cut higher education in the face of collapsing revenues. Many schools expect state funding to decline or stagnate in the near term.

# Taking charter education on a case-by-case basis

Erin Horvat is an education researcher and professor at Temple.

**Education.** Temple University professor Erin Horvat debates the benefits and drawbacks of charter education.

Erin Horvat, Temple University researcher and education professor, didn't exactly welcome the concept of charter schools initially. In the '80s, Horvat studied at UCLA and was influenced by classmate Amy Stuart Wells, a prominent critic of the charter model. These days, she isn't precisely a charter advocate, either, though she is a passionate supporter of the North Philadelphia-based YouthBuild Charter School.

"I'm still concerned about creating schools of last resort — schools for kids whose parents couldn't or didn't find them a better option. And, in some cases, [charters] are diverting money away from traditional public schools," says Horvat, who has served on the board of YouthBuild on and off for more than a decade. "YouthBuild is doing a great job with kids the Philadelphia School District hasn't managed to serve. I'm not an advocate for either model — I guess I'm an advocate for good schools, period."

The nonprofit YouthBuild was founded in 1992 with a vision of students earning a diploma while working to rebuild their neighborhoods. Today the one-year program is geared toward former high school dropouts. The targeted curriculum has three main tracks: building trades, nursing and IT.

**Quoted**

**"Sometimes we think of a high school girl getting pregnant as the beginning of her demise. But, in fact, for a lot of these students, their children were the reason that they were turning their lives around."**

– Erin Horvat, Temple University

In order to determine the quality of YouthBuild's program for herself, Horvat co-authored a qualitative study on the organization. "What I learned was how motivated these young people were and how ill-served they had been," says Horvat. "Also, students are often very motivated by their own children. Sometimes we think of a high school girl getting pregnant as the beginning of her demise. But, in fact, for a lot of these students, their children were the reason that they were turning their lives around."

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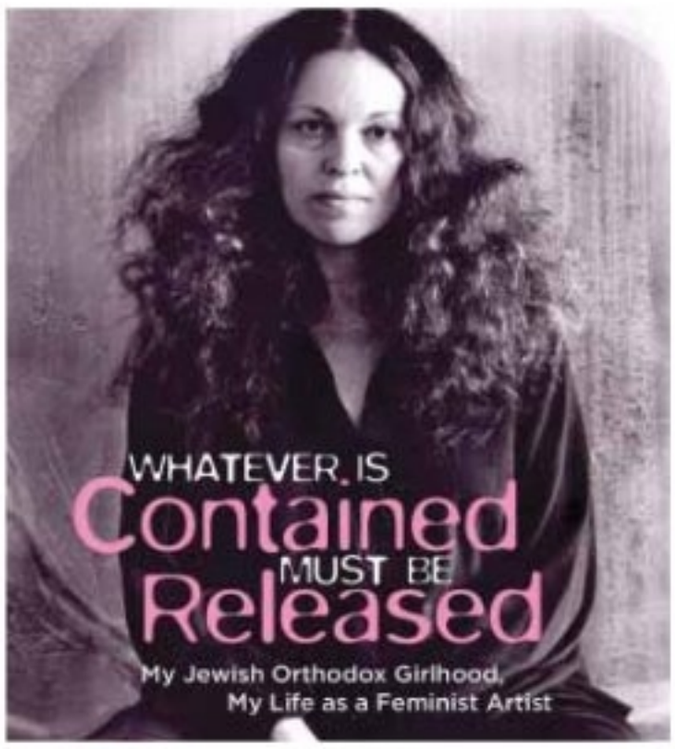


Books

## Helene Aylon

April 10, 7 p.m.
1916 Race St.
215-965-4000

Artist Helene Aylon has been making work that focuses on feminism since the 1970s. She will be reading from her new book, "Whatever Is Contained Must Be Released," which explores how her Orthodox Jewish girlhood affected her life and her feminist art.

Exhibition

## 'What those who teach can do'

**April 16-June 7**
**Art Institute of Philadelphia**
**1622 Chestnut St.**
**215-567-7080**

At the Art Institute in Philadelphia (as well as other art institutes across the country), it's art teachers who will get their chance to shine. The exhibition "What those who teach can do" begins on April 16, and it showcases painting, mixed media, photography and other work made by the people who are usually seen on the other side of the easel in local high schools.

Science

## 'Raising Schrodinger's Cat'

**April 15, 3 p.m.**
**Drexel University**
**Main Building Auditorium**
**3141 Chestnut St.**
**215-895-2708**

The most popular cat in physics — a theoretical feline named for Austrian physicist Erwin Schrodinger — will make an appearance at Drexel on April 15. In a lecture entitled "Raising Schrodinger's Cat," 2012 Nobel Prize winner Dr. David Wineland will give insight into this famous thought experiment and show how it could potentially be used in computing.

Fashion

## 'Salaam Namaste'

**April 5, 5:30 p.m.**
**Temple University**
**1801 N. Broad St.**
**215-204-2712**

At Temple University, South Asian fashion is getting a chance to walk the runway. Students from the South Asian Students Society at Temple will present "Salaam Namaste," an exploration of fashion from the 12 countries that are part of South Asia.

Success

## Adam Grant

**April 9, 7:30 p.m.**
**UPenn**
**Huntsman Hall**
**3730 Walnut St.**
**(215) 898-7608**

For those interested in being successful — and really, who isn't? — Adam Grant, author of "Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success," will discuss his theory of how generosity at work can lead to success.
JULIA FURLAN

Celebrity style

## Carson Kressley

Students and faculty at Philadelphia University should plan to wear their very best to commencement this year. The ceremony, which will happen in May, will have Carson Kressley, of "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" and "How to Look Good Naked" fame, delivering the commencement speech. Let's hope he approves of the caps and gowns. / GETTY IMAGES

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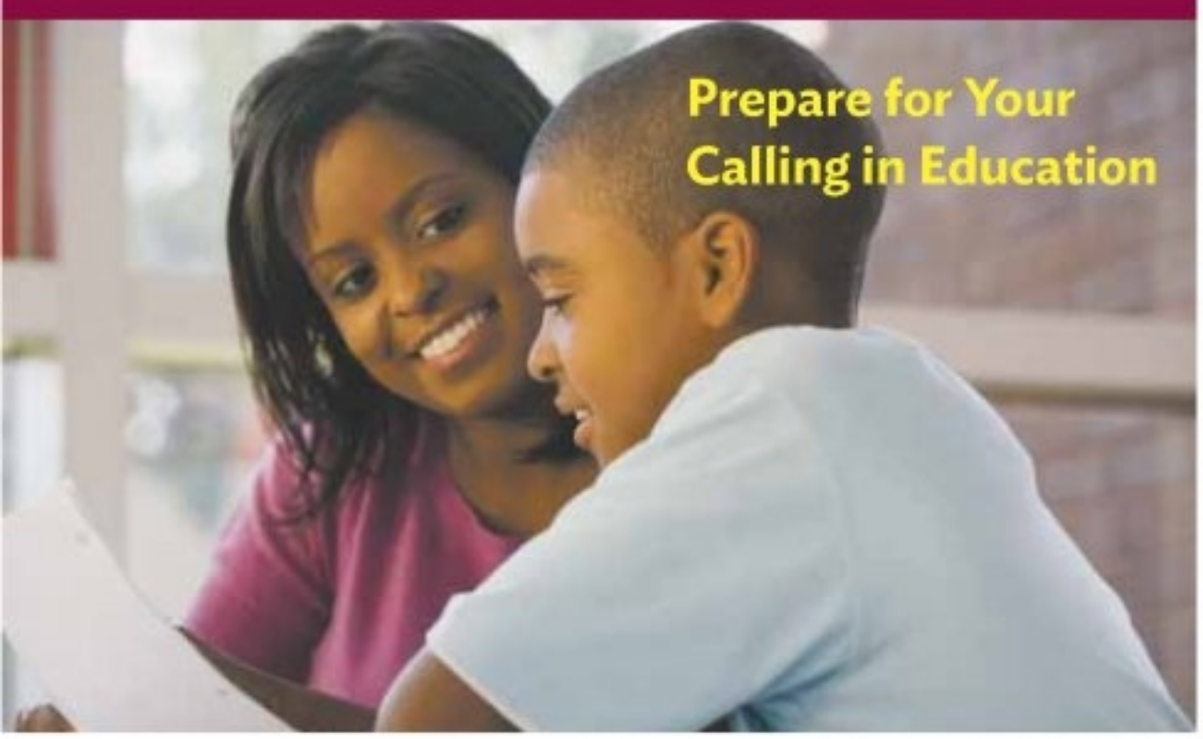


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# 'Buckwild' Star Shain Gandee found dead

Shain Gandee, the former trash collector who found fame as the star of the MTV reality hit "Buckwild," was found dead along with his uncle and an unidentified person in a truck in West Virginia yesterday morning. Shain was last heard from around 3 a.m. on Sunday at a local bar, when he and his uncle told people they planned to go four-wheeling. The truck where they were found was stuck deep in mud, leading investigators to think the three died of carbon monoxide poisoning. "Our thoughts and prayers are with them," MTV said in a statement, saying Shain "touched everyone he met."

# 'Glee' star in rehab

"Glee" star Cory Monteith, 30, has "voluntarily admitted himself to a treatment facility," his representative told People magazine. The reason for the rehab stay is unspecified. He reportedly checked in Monday morning. Monteith, 30, plays Finn Hudson on the hit Fox series. His girlfriend and co-star on the series, Lea Michele, 26, gave the following quote to People: "I love and support Cory and will stand by him through this. I am grateful and proud he made this decision." Monteith has struggled with substance abuse in the past. In a 2011 interview with Parade magazine, Monteith admitted to a rehab stay when he was just 19. "I burned a lot of bridges," he said. "I was out of control." At the time, he said he had a "serious problem" and was using "anything and everything, as much as possible."

"Glee" is currently filming its latest season and has two more episodes left to shoot. Deadline Hollywood reports that filming will continue and Finn's absence will be explained through plotlines.

# THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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# Arnold and Maria: No drama

There didn't seem to be much tension between Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver when the separated couple sat down this weekend at an Easter brunch at a Santa Monica, Calif., restaurant with their children, according to E! News. Schwarzenegger has reportedly been dating another woman, Heather Milligan, since the fall. Milligan was not present at the family brunch.

# Ticktock goes the Bieber

The clock is ticking on Justin Bieber's career, according to top music manager Peter Mensch, who reps acts like Metallica and the Red Hot Chili Peppers. "I don't know what Bieber's problem is. His career is over in three years anyway," Mensch tells the Sun. "I'd take Bieber to the woodshed and spank him."

2 CULTURE

**Twitter feed**

**Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

**Today, Jonah Hill is just asking hypothetically and Judd Apatow doesn't like where this is going.**

**@JonahHill: You guys ever have such an intense sex dream about Mr. Belvedere that you wake up screaming? Me neither! That would be so weird, right?!**

**@JuddApatow: I am worried about Beiber. He has a monkey now. I am not joking. This is headed to a bad place. He follows the path of generic disaster.**

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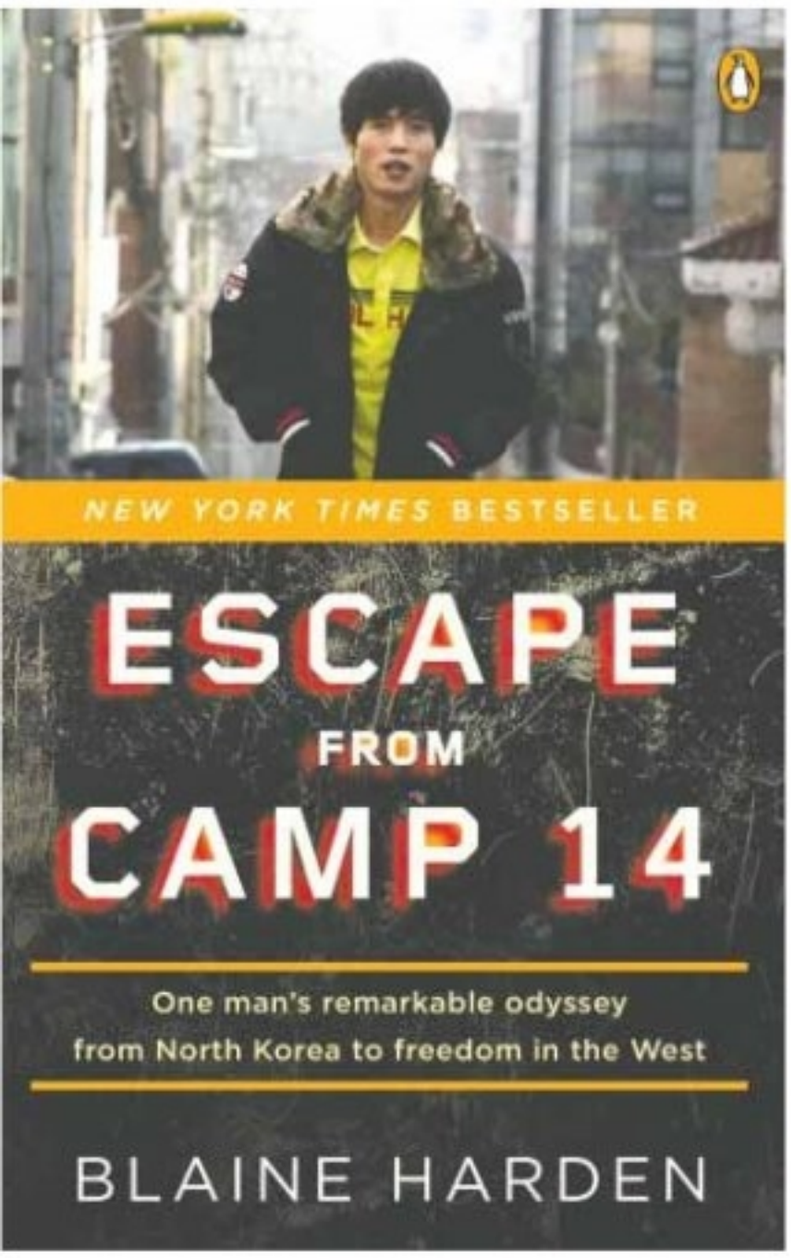
# From forced labor to eventual freedom




**Books.** "Escape From Camp 14" recounts one man's life of forced labor, abuse and eventual escape from North Korea.

Despite official denials of their existence, North Korea's political prison camps have been in operation for six decades, long enough for generations to have been born and raised within their electrified fences. In all that time, no one born inside the camps ever escaped — until Shin Dong-hyuk crawled over the body of a dead companion and though a hole in the fence in 2005.

Veteran foreign correspondent Blaine Harden told Shin's story on the front page of the Washington Post in 2008, hoping his harrowing tale would alert American readers largely ignorant of the camps' existence. "Shin's story is so powerful and has so many cinematic elements to it that it's very effective in catching people's interest," Harden says. "It became clear that his story was a way of reaching people who don't normally pay attention to foreign affairs or to North Korea."

Veteran foreign correspondent Blaine Harden / BLAKE CHAMBLISS

That initial article grew into the bestselling book "Escape From Camp 14," which recounts Shin's life of forced labor and abuse at the hands of camp guards and his own family. It wasn't until they'd met more than a dozen times that Shin was able to reveal his deepest secret, however: his complicity in the execution of his mother and brother.

Following that confession, Harden was forced to re-examine Shin's story. "As I thought it through," he says, "it increased his credibility from my point of view. There was no reason for him to tell this story that made him look so bad. And there's the evidence of the scars on his body, which are not faint etchings; they're overwhelming, ghastly disfigurements."

Ideally, Harden says, accounts like those in his book will increase pressure on North Korea to close the camps, which recent satellite imagery suggests are expanding. "I'm not optimistic that the camps are going to disappear anytime soon," he admits. "But knowledge is better than ignorance, and Shin feels like all the misery that he went through and all the guilt that he carried has not been for nothing."

**Quoted**

**"The scars on his body ... [are] overwhelming, ghastly disfigurements."**

Harden on Shin Dong-hyuk

**If you go**

**Blaine Harden**

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# DURO OLOWU

The Nigerian-born designer's colorful takes on womenswear and home goods are available at JCPenney for a limited time.

## BRINGING GLOBAL FLAIR TO THE MASSES

GINGHAM SWEATER, $40; METALLIC BROCADE PENCIL SKIRT, $40

Acclaimed London-based designer Duro Olowu charmed fashion insiders with his mix-match of riotous prints and bold colors — inspired by his native Africa — and he's bringing his eye for the dramatic to JCPenney for the store's first designer collaboration. The Nigerian-born talent created a collection true to his statement-making aesthetic, which includes accessories and home goods ranging from $10 to $100.

"I wanted to add an element of art and surrealism but in a really possible way," Olowu says. "Because I think the general public, which we're all a part of, need to be inspired. I need to be inspired." He tells us more about his spirited print-happy collaboration, sure to inspire your wardrobe choices all summer long.

**What was your starting point for the collection?**
I've always loved American design, from Claire McCardell in the '30s to Willi Smith. American style is a bit underrated in that respect, as high fashion.

GREEN PAISLEY MAXI DRESS, $60; LEAF PRINT CLUTCH, $30

So, I said I'm going to think of American classics and give them global flair.

**What was the design process like?**
I wanted this to feel like a collection, not like my greatest hits rehashed. I want to walk in and think, "Oh, I would buy this," if I saw it. What I love about it is that I feel that it's age-appropriate for any age. It's like "funky granny" — you mix it up, you mix it down. [Laughs] Also, these are not disposable pieces, they are classics.

**How did the home pieces come about?**
I am interested in interiors because I feel, like with clothes, you don't need to change your home. You just add some elements. So, that's what we tried to do. I realized, just doing research, that in America they decorate in a different way. In Europe, you've got the whole house. Here, you bring in a rug [and] you change things.

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# Make your next party kid-friendly

Throwing a party for kids and adults? It can be done! / THINKSTOCK

**Parenting.** Planning events that please both parents and kids can be done. We promise.

With her L.A.-based company Chic Events, Rachel Hollis has dreamt up parties for every occasion. She's even managed to pick up a few tricks to help parents please crowds of all ages.

**How can party planning be more manageable for people with small children?**
Have some courage — people are going to be so appreciative of anything you do! Go with your strengths: If you don't know how to cook, but make good cocktails, great! You can get the food from a local restaurant. Do the things you're good at. Give yourself wiggle room on things you're less familiar with.

**How can parents involve their kids?**
I like to keep them busy and out of my hair. I'll often say, "Go to the backyard and find three branches and two pretty flowers," and I'll incorporate those things into the decor. It becomes a game for them.

**What is the most common party-planning mistake?**
Many people don't give themselves enough time. Plan like a Boy Scout, and always be prepared.

**How can you make sure all age groups have fun?**
Think of it as two separate parties. Create the party for the adults first, then take part of that theme and make it appropriate for kids. There is a craft station at all of my parties. When guests ask what they can bring, I'll ask them instead to commit to half an hour at the craft table. If you can get a few people do that, someone's always lifeguarding the table, and everybody can focus on having a good time.

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## Horoscope

**♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.** Be extremely careful that you don't achieve your purposes at the expense of someone else.

**♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.** Usually you can do quite well in partnership situations, but this isn't likely to be the case if your aims differ considerably.

**♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.** A potentially profitable endeavor that has been dormant for quite some time could become active, but you'll need to redesign it.

**♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.** Don't get too closely involved with someone who has a dubious reputation. Take time to really find out what your partners are all about.

**♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.** If you're giving a price quote for a job or service, be sure your estimated cost is accurate.

**♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.** When required to manage a serious situation for another, don't treat it indifferently. If you make a mistake, everyone will pay.

**♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.** If you're not on top of things, someone might seize the reins and make a decision in his or her best interests, not yours.

**♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.** Guard against an inclination to hold on to an idea long after it has proven to be unproductive.

**♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.** Strive to be logical when making an assessment that would directly affect your financial position. Don't pin all your hopes on luck.

**♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.** In order to be a true leader, you must not be afraid to take charge of situations.

**♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.** Several important objectives can be achieved today, provided you don't trip over your own feet.

**♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.** Be careful, because a well-intentioned friend might offer you some advice that, if you treat it as gospel, could prove to be costly.

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## Sudoku: Easy and hard

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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

## Letters

### Celebs should be the stars of The Word

I love your section The Word — it's a treasure for me awaiting the last part of my commute after I've gotten through all the news and politics sections.

However, I miss all the pics of celebrities you used to put in there.

Do you think you could maybe make Dorothy Robinson's picture a bit smaller to fit in more Hollywood stars?

Don't get me wrong, you're beautiful, but I'd love to see more celebs. You used to have way more pieces on celebs. Just a thought.

LAURA KRAMER, VIA EMAIL

First, I really like your newspaper, but the big picture of Dorothy Robinson in The Word page is just creepy and it takes a lot of space that can be filled with more entertainment news.

RICHARD RUBIN, VIA EMAIL

### If you can't beat 'em, join 'em!

I've been convinced not to worry about not getting health insurance. Essentially I can continue to spend my discretionary money on organic foods and stay healthy as long as I can. If I get seriously ill, I can buy health insurance because they must accept you for any pre-existing condition. Best of all, the IRS can only collect the fines you get for not having health insurance by holding back your refunds. Just don't overpay your taxes and you have beaten Obamacare and helped Obama destroy the nation. It's like buying car insurance after you wrecked your car! I want to make my leader happy. As they say: "If you can't beat them, join them!"

JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA EMAIL

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## Crossword

**Across**

1 Bathrobe tie
5 Huffs and puffs
10 Military cap
14 "Cool Hand —"
15 Seize power
16 — — for keeps
17 Falco or McClurg
18 Mrs. Eisenhower
19 Finish a jacket
20 Longings
22 Ramble
24 Bonfire remains
25 Funny Foxx
26 Scolds (2 wds.)
30 Physicist — Newton
35 Intention
36 Previously
37 Comedian — Radner
38 Accurate
41 Got a whiff
43 Placed the same ad
44 Yvette's date
45 Prehistoric
46 Romantic interlude
47 Erode (2 wds.)
50 Fits to — —
53 Incite Rover
54 Bankrupt (hyph.)
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62 Unhurried gait
63 Kind of tactics
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67 Motels of yore
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71 Pancake order
72 Antler prong

**Down**

1 Lots and lots
2 Autobahn vehicle
3 Slalom gear
4 Laugh rudely
5 Private eyes
6 White — — ghost
7 "Cogito ergo —"
8 Second to none
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13 Livy's route
21 Mountain curve
23 River in Italy
25 Country addr.
26 Blue Grotto isle
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28 Polishing agent
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31 RSVP word
32 Give permission
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41 Wee, in Dundee
42 Comment inappropriately
44 Impress deeply
48 Make tracks
49 Confront boldly
51 Ivory source
52 Orlando attraction
54 Object on radar
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60 Joie de vivre
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**yesterday's answer**

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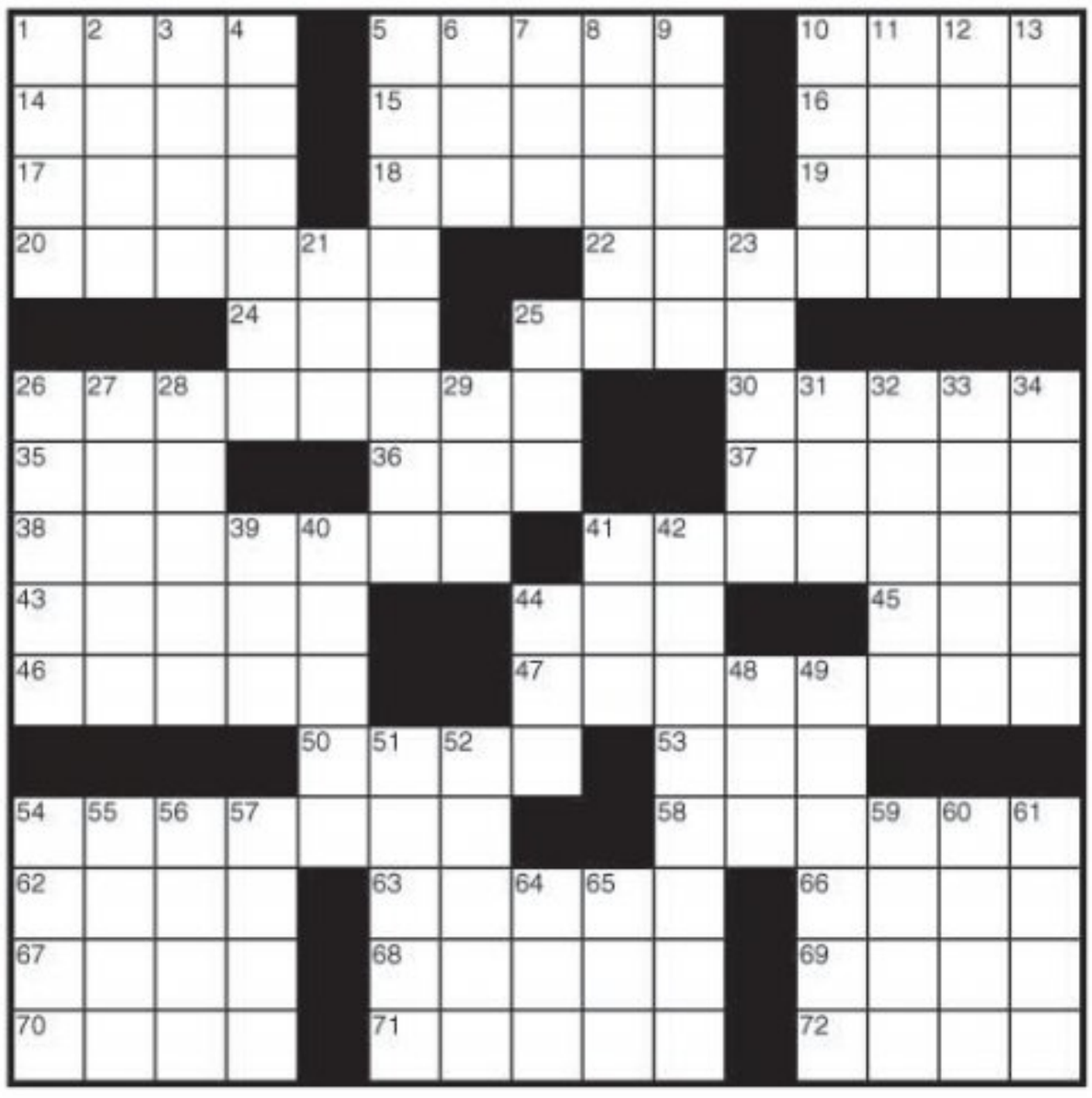

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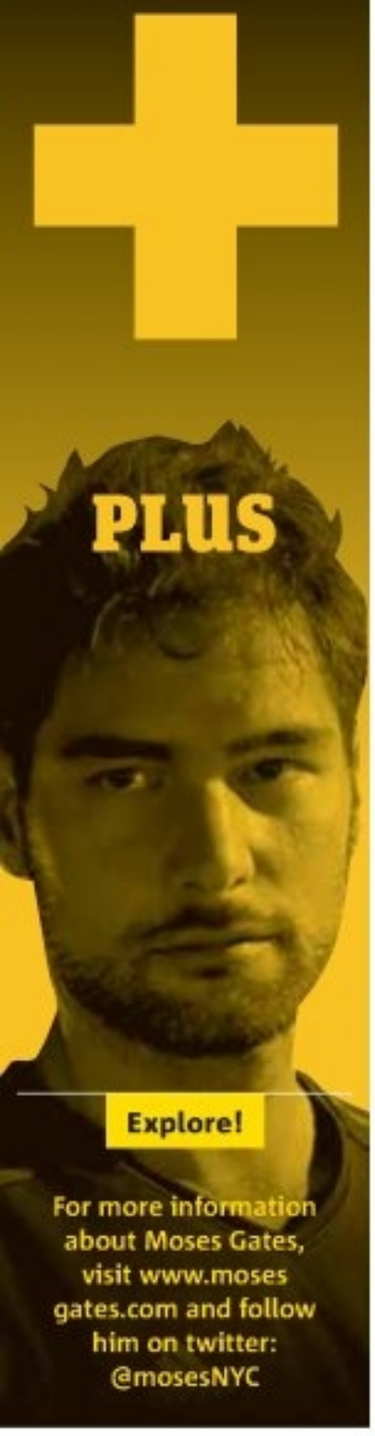


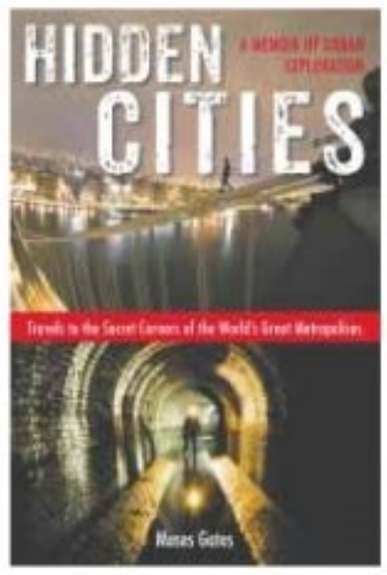
Yes, that's Moses Gates overlooking Manhattan from atop the Chrysler Building. / COURTESY TARCHER/PENGUIN PUBLISHING

# MOSES GATES

The author takes us on his urban exploratory adventures in "Hidden Cities." Some are insane, some introspective, others illegal — but all of his stories of travel will motivate you to meander off the grid.

## NEVER MIND THE GAP

Moses Gates has friends in very high places, the lowest of low places and everywhere in between. Part of a close-knit network of urban explorers, he has climbed the Notre Dame Cathedral, surveyed the depths of the Parisian catacombs, braved playing frogger in metro systems the world over — and lived to tell the tales in his memoir "Hidden Cities." Not without some ego – he boasts membership to an exclusive club of daredevils who've had sex on top of bridges — and not without breaking the law, the city planner admits that it's the unplanned moments that make for fantastic voyages. We ask him about fear factors, factory tourism and Facebook.




**People often seek to travel "off the beaten path." But you do a lot of traveling where there's no actual path to begin with. What's the draw?**
Places are popular for a reason. The problem with tourism isn't the places you're going to, it's the way that tourism is conducted. The more people that travel to a place, the more it becomes commodified, which leads to it being more expensive, controlled and cynical. The places are still amazing — the Roman Coliseum, for example — but if you go to the Coliseum in Tunisia, where "Gladiator" was filmed, it's just as incredible a monument, but there's less tourists, there's not a subway stop there — it's a different experience.

**Most of the adventuring you describe in the book, you didn't do alone. But what if you go to a place where you have no connections? How would you navigate a city solo?**
I run into a bunch of great characters while traveling and I love writing them, but I would say two-thirds of the time I'm alone. If you're on the backpacker trail, it's easy to find people to go around with. One of the tricks I always used is that in every hostel or backpacker bar, there's always an extrovert. Sometimes they're fun, sometimes they're jerks, but always attach yourself to that person for two reasons: 1, That person always talks to the locals; 2, That person almost never has any actual ideas, they just get into things. That's one of the ways to do it. Getting invested in a subculture is another. Start forming a network; it's so easy to do with the Internet. Mine happened to be urban exploration, but it could be anything.

**In terms of safety and legality, do you have advice for people who might be inspired after reading your book to go, say, climb a pyramid?**
I'm always a proponent of going where you want to go, doing what you want to do. I never worry about getting hurt or dying. I'm never stressed about the danger part, because I'm a good climber, I know how subway tunnels work and how to not get hit. But I'm always terrified of getting caught. It's more random, and you have less control over it. Everybody has their own risk tolerance. The key is to know what yours is and push it a little bit.

**You acknowledge in the book that here's an inherent egotism that comes with traveling off the grid. What keeps you humble?**
I know so many people who do much more badass s— than me. I love what we do and what I do, but we're not curing cancer, we're not jumping from outer space, we're not Sir Edmund Hillary or anything — we just probably push the envelope more than your average traveler. We're skilled hobbyists. I just see myself as a person who is curious and had a period in life where he was fairly risk-adverse and wanted to find it. If urban exploration was a baseball game, I'm like a solid journeyman utility infielder that is lucky enough to play on the 1927 Yankees.

**There's a tendency now when vacationing to document everything, to get pleasure from showing others what a pleasurable experience we're having. How do you think social media affects the way we travel?**
I tweet all the goddamn time; I post a million photos on Facebook. Everybody likes to share stories. Is taking a photo of your dinner and putting it on Facebook that different from having a conversation about dinner? What you have to ask yourself is, are you really doing something for the story or because you want to do it? It's the times when you find something you weren't looking for because you're out being curious that are the best moments, not the ones that you try for.

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# CATALDI: PREPARE FOR WORST WITH DECLINING PHILLIES

The voice of Philly sports

## ANGELO CATALDI

The editors at Metro will happily confirm that this column was in their hands long before the Phillies opened the 2013 season last night in Atlanta. The prediction that follows was made hours before the first pitch. Sorry for the delay.

I have been fighting a horrible case of denial. Unfortunately, I have recovered, and what I see now is not good. I love the names on the back of the uniforms — Halladay, Utley, Howard, Rollins, Lee, Ruiz and Young (Michael, not Delmon). What I don't like are the ages associated with those names. The Phillies have the talent to win it all, if it were 2006.

I watched all 96 pitches muscled toward the plate last Thursday by Roy Halladay, and there is no denying his stunning decline. The proud former ace is still trying to throw balls at 93 mph, but his shoulder has already dialed it back to 88. He is an average pitcher, nothing more.

Cole Hamels is terrific, even with that weird new mustache. Cliff Lee can't possibly have another year with only six wins; he should be fine. So the top part of the rotation is secure. But with Halladay, Kyle Kendrick and John Lannan forming 60 percent of the starting staff, pitching is no longer a strength.

Even the bullpen, with back-end stalwarts Mike Adams and Jonathan Papelbon, isn't as secure as it appears. Adams was brilliant in spring training, but will his fragile arm wither under the stress of a 162-game schedule? And will Papelbon fizzle out again the way he did two seasons ago in Boston? My bet is, the answer to at least one of those questions is yes.

**Cataldi on Roy Halladay**

**"The proud former ace is trying to throw balls 93 mph, but his shoulder has dialed it back to 88. He is an average pitcher."**

The conventional wisdom is this new, revived offense can overcome these concerns, and there's no argument on that point here. When Carlos Ruiz returns, the Phillies will have a lineup as good or better than the Nationals and Braves.

In May, that is. But what about September, when age leads to fatigue, which leads to injuries, which leads to losses? Yes, Chase Utley and Ryan Howard look like themselves again, but knees and Achilles tendons tend to act up at the most inopportune times.

Finally, there is the fascinating case of Charlie Manuel, at 69, still plugging away with no end in sight. The Phillies' organization would beg to differ. Manuel is a lame duck, quacking his way through his final season. If fans expect the aging skipper to strategize around all of the above problems, well, pay closer attention next time, please.

The prediction here is that we are one unfulfilling season away from the dawn of a new era. The Phillies in 2013 will win ... 77 games. That's my prediction. Sorry.

*— Angelo Cataldi is a Metro columnist and host of 94 WIP's morning show, which airs weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.*

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### Revere leads off

Charlie Manuel unveiled his lineup hours before last night's opener, and he had Ben Revere leading off, with Jimmy Rollins batting in the two hole against Atlanta. The skipper wanted to split up the left-handed batters in the lineup.


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Opinion

## Sorry, La Salle, NCAA tourney is totally bogus

I rarely write about college basketball because it is a deeply flawed and largely uninteresting game — with revolving rosters, a nauseating fraternity of egomaniacal coaches and a popularity based largely on office pools. As of this past week, I have a new reason to hate it: La Salle.

Please understand, I taught at this institution of higher learning for four years, and my wife graduated from there. I harbor no personal grudges. My complaint is the phony nature of college sports.

The truth is, La Salle fell short of its Cinderella status, as did Florida Gulf Coast and its frenzy of dunks and chicken dances. They were both doomed to failure. This wasn't a case of David vs. Goliath; it was David versus a nuclear bomb. Where else do we bond ourselves to a sure loser besides March Madness?

Unfortunately, the media is never satisfied with the truth in stories like La Salle's. Once the media machine began churning hype over Tyrone Garland's "Southwest Philly Floater" and coach John Giannini's doctoral presence, we were foolishly led to believe this was the reincarnation of 1985 Vilanova.

Except it wasn't true. In the biggest game of their careers, La Salle players failed spectacularly. They blew it. I know those words are way too harsh for college basketball, but I refuse to gush when they are winning, and then to gush again after they embarrass themselves.

In college basketball, no one ever wants to deal with the truth. And that's why I hate it. **ANGELO CATALDI**

# Drafting Geno Smith is mistake ready to happen

**Opinion.** The draft comes equipped with a trap door. Any team that lands on the name Geno Smith will vanish.

Don't draft this man, Eagles. Don't do it.
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That team will be the victim of one of the most ridiculous propaganda campaigns in the history of the game.

Geno Smith is the West Virginia quarterback who was not projected as a first-round pick after he played his last game three months ago. He is a talented athlete, but his throwing is erratic, and his running is reluctant. He moves his feet as fast as new NFL sensations Colin Kaepernick and Russell Wilson, but he doesn't like to do it.

Hmm. Does that remind you of anyone? Yup. Donovan McNabb — although Smith doesn't project to be as successful as that still-irritating Eagles enigma. Smith is a draft mistake waiting to happen, a disaster in football shoes.

And sitting right there, with the fourth selection, is Chip Kelly. The new Eagles coach is still in need of a quarterback who can take full advantage of his aggressive offense. On paper, Smith seems to be an appealing choice.

That's the big problem. Since the last game of his college career, Smith's spectacular ascent of the mock draft boards has been exclusively on paper. Oh, he held a couple of workouts to display his skills, but there was no chance he would fail those tests.

Here's what every team needs to know: Smith regressed alarmingly in the second half of his senior season. Why else would his status among scouts have dropped so far? Since then, he has benefited solely by talk. Talk is cheap. Blowing a top draft pick on Geno Smith is not. If Kelly chooses him, he will regret it. **ANGELO CATALDI**

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**130231** Resolution authorizing the Committee on Labor and Civil Service to hold public hearings to review promotion procedures within the Philadelphia Fire Department, as it relates to Budgeted Uniform Vacancies, prior to the expiration of the Published Promotion Eligibility Lists for Fire Lieutenant and Fire Captain on May 25, 2013.

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